

The Slender-Leaved Blue Grass



The blue grasses are quite plentiful throughout the west and furnish abundant pasturage both in the meadows and on the dry foothills and high mountains. There are many different kinds, some of which are called red tops by the different ranchers. The red-top of which we read in the seed catalogues, however, is an entirely different plant and has been in cultivation in the east for a long time. The western blue grasses are closely related to the Kentucky blue grass, for

which that state is widely known and the grass that is used universally for lawns. The slender-leaved blue grass, *Poa tenuifolia*, is held by Prof. Kennedy, of the Nevada station, to be one of the chief grazing grasses of the region and extends from the foothills to the tops of the mountains. In form of growth it may be spoken of as a bunch grass. It grows from six inches to one and a half feet high and is considered by ranchmen the most valuable bunch grass on the range.

SAID TO BE SIMPLE

EASILY MIXED RECIPE FOR KIDNEYS AND BLADDER.

Tell Readers How to Prepare This Home-Made Mixture to Cure the Kidneys and Bladder and Rheumatism.

Get from any prescription pharmacist the following:
Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces.

Shake well in a bottle and take a teaspoonful dose after each meal and at bedtime.

The above is considered by an eminent authority, who writes in a New York daily paper, as the finest prescription ever written to relieve Backache, Kidney Trouble, Weak Bladder and all forms of Urinary difficulties. This mixture acts promptly on the eliminative tissues of the kidneys, enabling them to filter and strain the uric acid and other waste matter from the blood which causes Rheumatism.

Some persons who suffer with the afflictions may not feel inclined to place much confidence in this simple mixture, yet those who have tried it say the results are simply surprising, the relief being effected without the slightest injury to the stomach or other organs.

Mix some and give it a trial. It certainly comes highly recommended. It is the prescription of an eminent authority, whose entire reputation, it is said, was established by it.

COINED A BIG WORD.

Little One Wanted to Pick the "Underchildrenable" Flowers.

When the first little granddaughter was big enough to want to pick the garden flowers, the grandparents tried every guileful means to save their pet peonies from devastation. A truce was reached when it was agreed that Harriet should let the garden plants alone and pick only "children's flowers," a descriptive name bestowed at once alike on dandelions, buttercups, daisies and clovers. After this there was peace in the family. One day Katherine, the newest granddaughter, was contentedly pulling grasses while grandmother snipped off blossoms from the forget-me-nots. Katherine remembered that fresh flowers had not been gathered for the dinner table. She ran over to grandmother and promptly coined one of the longest words a four-year-old ever used. "Grandmother," she begged, "can't I pick the underchildrenable flowers for dinner?"

The Shah on His Travels.

How the shah of Persia left Teheran on his journey to Europe in 1900 is described by the author of "Through Persia in a Motor Car." The imperial baggage—items of which were sacks of corn and barley, a school globe and a colossal musical box—was four hours rolling through Teheran. In the midst, on a diminutive donkey, came a little man with a gray beard and spectacles, who carried an enormous wallet, out of which bulged mysterious-looking articles, among others a huge open telescope. This was his sacred majesty's astrologer.

Beecher Scored Point.

Justin McCarthy tells a story of the late Henry Ward Beecher. Mr. Beecher entered Plymouth church one Sunday and found several letters awaiting him. He opened one and found it contained the single word "Fool." Quietly and with becoming seriousness he announced to the congregation the fact in these words: "I have known many an instance of a man writing a letter and forgetting to sign his name, but this is the only instance I have ever known of a man signing his name and forgetting to write the letter."

Conceit.

"There goes the big-feelin'est man in town!" pessimistically said a citizen of Pettyville, indicating with a contemptuous jerk of his thumb a pompous-looking personage who was passing. "He thinks so darned much of himself that he won't loaf in a grocery store like ordinary folks—if he can't loaf in the bank he won't loaf at all. And, as far as I can see, he ain't so all-fired better than some of the rest of us, neither!"—Puck.

TRANSFORMATIONS.

Curious Results When Coffee Drinking Is Abandoned.

It is almost as hard for an old coffee toper to quit the use of coffee as it is for a whiskey or tobacco fiend to break off, except that the coffee user can quit coffee and take up Postum without any feeling of a loss of the morning beverage, for when Postum is well boiled and served with cream, it is really better in point of flavor than most of the coffee served nowadays, and to the taste of the connoisseur it is like the flavor of fine, mild Java.

A great transformation takes place in the body within ten days or two weeks after coffee is left off and Postum used, for the reason that the poison to the nerves—caffeine—has been discontinued, and in its place is taken a liquid food that contains the most powerful elements of nourishment.

It is easy to make this test and prove these statements by changing from coffee to Postum. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pages "There's a Reason."



FOR THE BOUDOIR

RIBBON WORK BASKET IS A DAINTY CONCEIT.

Especially Useful in These Days When Elaborate Ornamentation of Linen is the Delight of Almost Every Woman.

Lingerie that is dainty and sheer and bears the marks of foreign needlework is lavishly trimmed with ribbons and lingerie that is plain and of domestic make has quantities of ribbon run headings and bowknots to decorate it, so that it is easy to see that the well-dressed woman of to-day is particular about the decoration and beauty of her undergarments. All this trimming with ribbons means a few hours' work each week, and as many women prefer to reserve this ribbon running for their own spare hours rather than to give it to the maid to do they provide themselves with an outfit comprising the latest and most attractive bodkins, ribbon holders, fancy bags and scissors.

One of the novel offerings in this line is a miniature fish basket made



of fine wicker and shaped exactly like the spacious receptacle for trout and pickerel. The ribbon basket is just large enough to hold two or three spoils of baby ribbon. The cover lifts back, and the inside is padded with silk to match the basket lining. Thrust through a ribbon strap crossing the center of the cover lining are three silver bodkins made in the shape of fish, the heads forming the point and the tails being slit crosswise to admit the various widths of lingerie ribbon.

WHEN BABY IS CHRISTENED.

Rules Generally Observed at This Important Ceremony.

The christening ceremony should take place at the church unless there is a very good reason for doing otherwise. Relatives, sponsors and friends are invited to be present either verbally or the mother sends informal little notes telling of the event, giving the hour, etc. After the service a luncheon, or supper may be served, to which the clergyman, sponsors and relatives are invited. If nothing elaborate is desired it is perfectly proper to have refreshments suitable for an afternoon tea, with the time-honored caudle, which is a drink always offered in olden days on the occasion of a christening.

This is the rule for making: It is best to prepare most of it the day before using: Stir two cups of oatmeal into three quarts of boiling salted water; put in three sliced lemons, a large cup of seeded raisins, a grated nutmeg and a stick of cinnamon. Cook in a double boiler for two hours, strain through a colander and leave to cool. Before serving heat to the boiling point, add a pint of best brandy, a pint of mulled sherry, half a tumbler of rum and one quart of scalded milk. Place in a punch bowl; serve in bouillon cups with a silver ladle, placing a spoonful of whipped cream on the top with a bit of grated lemon rind. It is customary to ask a young matron to serve the caudle.

All the decorations should be white, flowers, candle shades, cakes, etc. The bonbons must be white sugared almonds, they are invariably used at French christening parties. Great care should be taken in selecting the god-parents. It is customary to give a boy two god-fathers and one god-mother; a girl has one god-mother and one god-father. If people have means it is proper to bestow gifts upon the baby, who is supposed to be about two months old at this time.

After returning from the church the child is not in evidence, but is kept quiet in the nursery following all the unusual excitement. In some families the same christening robe is handed down from generation to generation. This is a very pretty custom and one to be commended. Reception gowns of the simplest character are worn, for this is first of all, a religious ceremony and should not be turned into a large society function.

A Church Entertainment.

A young people's society gave this successful and interesting affair. Four large houses about three blocks apart were selected. The first was called "New England." The hostess and her assistants were gowned in colonial costumes and the decorations were of the same character. They

served baked beans, doughnuts, pumpkin pie, sliced cold meats, pound cake and cup custards. This service was a la carte.

The second house was "Way Down in Dixie." The attendants were in dainty summer gowns and there were quantities of flowers. Cold drinks, chicken pie, sweet potato croquettes, rice pudding and corn bread were sold.

The "Wild and Woolly West" was represented at the third house. The girls were in outing suits, wide felt hats, etc. Bacon sandwiches, pie and coffee were dispensed.

Of course the fourth place represented the absolutely correct and effusive east. Up-to-date evening attire was worn, there was a stringed orchestra, palms, etc. Chicken salad, creams and ices were served with the usual reception table accessories.

MADAME MERRI.

The Corset.

"The whole essence of a successful appearance revolves around this special, though frequently neglected, little item," remarks a fashionable authority.

"The very cheap corset is an abomination, be the figure what it may. A too slender form asks the assistance of a well-cut model to impart the necessary rounded curves, while one blessed with too liberal an allowance of adipose tissue seeks the service of a shape so maneuvered as to lend slenderness and suppleness to an otherwise shapeless waist.

"Now, a good corset is quite capable of circumventing any ordinary defect of a figure modern knowledge, moreover, insisting that health and hygiene shall be also taken into strict account. There is no reason whatever for a corset to cause undue pressure anywhere, but the now-decreed outline demands a certain shapeliness of form while still maintaining the approved straight front.

Restful Room.

Tones of brown and soft yellow with a little white and a good deal of green are very restful for a room in which much time is spent, such as a dining-room or a study. A pretty little workroom fitted up for a girl who writes and is singularly sensitive to her surroundings has walls of soft green. The brown polished floor has two dim-colored Persian rugs. The couch pillows are of green and white and yellow and wood browns. The desk and bookcases are of mahogany, the woodwork of the room is white, and the hangings of the wide window and the coverings of the chairs and couch are of linen taffeta with a ground of tan on which are woody brown leaves and pale yellow flowers with fresh green stems. The effect is very bright and yet not too light for a winter room.

Net Buttons.

Net buttons will be worn a great deal on many of the fine waists and lace coats. The work is mostly handwork, for the buttons are made with net and fine embroidery silk or cotton. Fillet designs are very neat for the buttons and show the silk linings beneath. Where the waist is colored, the lining matches the waist, though the embroidery is mostly done with black, white or ecru. Hand-painted buttons are fashionable in Paris, though for some unaccountable reason American women prefer something a trifle more handsome. Some of the hand-painted affairs are of Dutch blue, outlined with white, frequently odd designs like ships, sail boats, rustic scenery, etc., being used as a decorative feature.

IN SHADOW EMBROIDERY.



Corset cover of shadow embroidery and petticoat with design to match.

When You Buy Winter Gowns.

When you buy your winter gown get good material, good workmanship, cutting down expenses of trimmings and fussy frills that are never necessary and seldom becoming.

The modern dress of woman is beautiful, convenient and artistic.

The errors are in the gross exaggeration of beautiful fashions and in combining grand ideas and cheap materials.

A plain dress, well made, is worth half a dozen elaborate ones badly cut and shabbily put together.

A TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE.

How a Veteran Was Saved the Amputation of a Limb.

B. Frank Doremus, veteran, of Roosevelt avenue, Indianapolis, Ind., says: "I had been showing symptoms of kidney trouble from the time I was mustered out of the army, but in all my life I never suffered as in 1897. Headaches, dizziness and sleeplessness, first, and then dropsy. I was weak and helpless, having run down from 180 to 125 pounds. I was having terrible pain in the kidneys, and the secretions passed almost involuntarily. My left leg swelled until it was 34 inches around, and the doctor tapped it night and morning until I could no longer stand it, and then he advised amputation. I refused, and began using Doan's Kidney Pills. The swelling subsided gradually, the urine became natural, and all my pains and aches disappeared. I have been well now for nine years since using Doan's Kidney Pills."

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SURELY HAD PRIZE FLY.

Money Invested in Incubator Was Not All Lost.

Poultny Bigelow, the brilliant author and journalist, said the other day of the chicken farm that he is about to set up at Malden:

"I hope to succeed with this farm. I hope our experience won't too closely resemble that of my old friend Horatio Rogers. Rash Rogers lived in the suburbs. On the suburban train one morning he said to me with a sour laugh:

"I've got something nobody else has got, Mr. Bigelow."

"Have you, Rash?" said I. "What is it?"

"Well," said Rogers, "I bought a \$50 incubator last month, put \$15 worth of eggs in it, and hatched out a blubottle fly."

"He frowned, then sighed.

"Yes," he said, "I've got the only \$65 blubottle fly in the world."

SLEEP BROKEN BY ITCHING.

Eczema Covered Whole Body for a Year—No Relief Until Cuticura Remedies Prove a Success.

"For a year I have had what they call eczema. I had an itching all over my body, and when I would retire for the night it would keep me awake half the night, and the more I would scratch, the more it would itch. I tried all kinds of remedies, but could get no relief.

"I used one cake of Cuticura Soap, one box of Cuticura, and two vials of Cuticura Resolvent Pills, which cost me a dollar and twenty-five cents in all, and am very glad I tried them, for I was completely cured. Walter W. Faghsch, 207 N. Robey St., Chicago, Ill., Oct. 8 and 16, 1906."

Grammar and Grippe.

A professor at the University of Virginia was endeavoring to impress upon the youths of his class the monstrous crime of using the adjective "badly" where the adjective "bad" should be used.

"Now," he said, after an exhaustive explanation, "if a man should say to you 'I feel badly,' what would you think?"

"I'd think he had the grippe, sir," responded the wag of the class.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. We, the undersigned, have known J. C. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all his business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him. Witness our hands and names this 1st day of October, 1906. W. A. R. HALL, CHICAGO, ILL. J. C. CHENEY, CHICAGO, ILL. H. A. CATARRH CURE is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Catarrhs are not cured. Price 25 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Catarrh Cure for constipation.

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HANDLING OF FRUIT CROP

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The importance of handling fruit quickly is coming to be better realized. When a fruit is taken from the tree, or plant, its life processes are accelerated, and if it is to be shipped a considerable distance or is designed for holding cold storage, it should be handled with the least delay possible. Here, again, in the matter of quick handling, cold storage has been an important educating feature. Apples, delayed in transit or at the orchard break down much more quickly in storage, and in the case of bad scalding varieties, scald much worse than when stored immediately after picking. Grimes Golden apples from West Virginia, picked Sept. 16, and delayed in shipment until Oct. 1, developed 37 per cent. scald and 10 per cent. decay by Feb. 2, while the same variety, stored without delay, kept in perfect condition.

Delaware grown Kieffer pears, delayed ten days before being shipped to cold storage, continued to ripen and soften in storage and were injured at least 50 per cent. in commercial value by the delay. The effect of delay upon small fruits is very much greater. In the case of fruit designed for cold storage, a delay of 12 hours in hot weather will shorten the period of keeping by several days, while a delay of 24 hours may give time for the

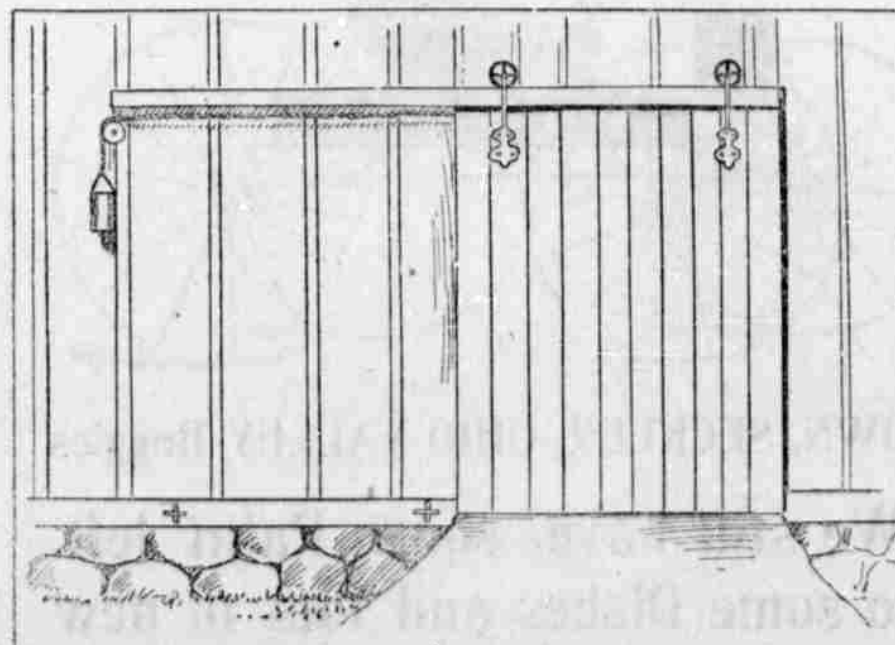
mold to appear, and the fruit be rendered entirely worthless for storage purposes. With small fruits particularly, the effect of decay is so disastrous that any agency which facilitates the quick and safe handling of the crop should be welcomed by the small fruit grower.

The package is a very important factor in the handling as well as in the marketing of the crop. Types of packages have been evolved which conform to the nature of the fruit for which they are designed. Berries are packed in small boxes or baskets, in which the weight is so small that the delicate texture of the fruit is not injured, while large, firm fruits, like the apple and pear, adapt themselves to large packages, such as boxes and barrels designed for such usage. From the cold storage standpoint, it may be stated that fruits, which ripen quickly, like summer apples and pears, should be stored in small packages which permit a rapid lowering of the temperature.

For such fruits, the barrel is too large a package, retaining the heat and causing the fruit to ripen unduly before it can be cooled down. If the storage period is to be short an open-package for such fruits may be of additional value, though not necessary if the package is small. For berries, a closed package is best, provided the fruit is dry and cool at picking time.

Give Milk a Rest—Avoid pouring milk from one vessel to another, after it has been placed in the can or jar for the cream to "rise." Milk needs rest as well as anything else and will not yield the proper amount of cream if it does not receive that rest.

A Self-Opening Barn Door



The arrangement for opening this door consists of a half-inch rope attached to a staple driven into the upper edge of the door and passing parallel with the track beyond the boundary of the door when open. The rope passes over a small pulley and a

weight is attached at the end. It is better if the weight and pulleys are fixed inside the building. By attaching the rope to the opposite side of the door a self-closing arrangement will be obtained, which will prove entirely satisfactory.